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SUBJECT: GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER'S SPEECH TO
COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF 24-25 SEPTEMBER GAVE EAST
GERMAN READERS AN AUTHORITATIVE IF GENERAL LOOK AT
THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT VIEWS ON US-GDR RELATIONS
THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER'S
RECENT ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
IN NEW YORK.

2. AS REPORTED IN ND, FISCHER ADDRESSED THE CFR,
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"ONE OF THE LEADING INSTITUTIONS FOR FOREIGN POLICY
STUDIES IN THE USA" WHICH IS COMPOSED OF "WELL-KNOWN
REPRESENTATIVES OF MONOPOLY AND BANKING INTERESTS."
ND QUOTED FISCHER AS SAYING THE "GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE OF THE GDR ARE GUIDED IN THE FORMATION OF
RELATIONS WITH THE USA BY THE FACT THAT THE DEVELOP-
MENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF OBJECTIVE AND EQUAL COOPERATION

SERVES THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE THROUGH THE PRACTICAL SHAPING OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. THIS IS WHAT WE SEE AS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR YOUNG RELATIONS." FISCHER IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THE GDR IS PREPARED IN REGULAR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES TO SEEK POSSIBILITIES FOR BECOMING BETTER ACQUAINTED, TO DEVELOP MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONS IN ALL AREAS ON THE BASIS OF BASIS FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT." IN THIS CONTEXT HE CITED THE FIELDS OF ECONOMICS, TRADE, TRANSPORT, SCIENCE, ART AND CULTURE AND DEVOTED SOME ATTENTION TO THE DRESDEN ART MUSEUM EXHIBIT NEXT YEAR IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO AS A POSITIVE EXAMPLE.

.3. IN HIS STATEMENT OF GDR GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES, FISCHER EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE TO WHICH, HE SAID, "THERE IS NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE." HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE GDR IS FOUNDED ON THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES: FIRST, THE DESIRE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AS REFLECTED IN THE "COOPERATIVE CHARACTER OF THE GDR;" SECOND, TO DEVELOP SOCIALISM THROUGH THE MECHANISMS OF THE BUILDING OF SOCIALIST STATES AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE WARSAW PACT; AND THIRD, THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY AND PEACE. IN THIS CONTEXT HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND "GOOD WILL" IN CARRYING IT OUT. HOWEVER, THE ARTICLE MAKES NO MENTION OF ANY STATEMENTS BY FISCHER ON HUMAN RIGHTS OR OTHER ASPECTS OF GDR FOREIGN POLICY, IF ANY WERE MADE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE FISCHER'S SPEECH, AS REPORTED IN ND, CONTAINS NOTHING NEW, IT DOES CONSTITUTE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF GDR VIEWS ON US-GDR RELATIONS. IT CONVEYS TO ND'S READERSHIP THE IDEA THAT THE GDR LEADERSHIP IS PREPARED TO IMPROVE ITS BILATERAL TIES WITH THE US, IN A CAREFULLY CONTROLLED MANNER. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SPEECH, AS REPORTED IN ND, CONTAINED NONE OF THE USUAL PEJORATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE US, SUCH AS CONDEMNATIONS OF THE NEUTRON BOMB, WHICH ARE A REGULAR FEATURE OF MEDIA REPORTING HERE.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A FULL TEXT OF THE SPEECH, IF POSSIBLE, AND WHATEVER INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE ON THE POST-ADDRESS QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. BOLEN

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